**Concept note for Research**

Students in the Health Promotion and Management (HP&M) track intending to do research as part of the partial fulfilment of their MPH / diploma qualifications are expected to submit a research concept note based on their research interests. Ideally, the proposed research area of interest should be related to the current student’s work and respond to a national priority area.

This document should be read together with the Research path for Health Policy and Management Students document. The concept note should be submitted in the ’ideas’ phase of research.

The research concept note will assist with the following:

1. Indicate the student’s research area of interest
2. Provide a brief outline of proposed research
3. Identification of potential resources necessary for the research
4. Identify suitable supervisors
5. Overall planning of research process
6. Allocation of student to ‘research cohort’ to encourage timely completion of qualifications

**Outline of research concept note**

The research concept note will be no more than 2-3 pages and contain the following:

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| Title/Topic | The title should focus the reader's attention on the essential theme  of the proposed research - what are you researching? Be short; preferably not more than one line (15 words). Title to be further refined in TNM 800. |
| Background of the proposed research | A concise review of the main research work and current issues in the specific subject area. What is already known about this specific subject?  This is **not** a literature review. You do not need to do a detailed literature review at this stage, for a concept note. However, you do need to provide some pointers with regards your proposed research. |
| Problem statement | Provide a short, clear and simple description of your research problem. What do you want to find out? (objectives). What will you know after doing this research? What are the research questions? |
| Methods | Outline the proposed methodology, including study setting and population, sampling, data collection and analysis.  How will you conduct the research? This section needs to follow from, and be tied to the identified study problem/objectives and hypotheses. |
| Significance of research | List or briefly describe how the proposed work would be beneficial to your work or in addressing a health systems issue in the proposed field and/or part of the society and or policy implications. |
| Principal investigator | Contact details |